

**Minutes of the Public Works Committee  
February 26, 2009**

Chair David Swan called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Committee Members Present:** County Board Supervisors David Swan (Chair), Walter Kolb, Pamela Meyer, Peter Wolff (arrived at 8:58 a.m.), John Pledl, Pauline Jaske and Peter Gundrum (arrived at 8:43 a.m.).

**Also Present:** Legislative Policy Advisor Ann Olson, Legislative Associate Karen Phillips, Building Operations Supervisor Scott Miller, Building Operations Manager Mark Keckeisen, Engineering Services Manager Gary Evans, Dennis Shook and Phillip Bain of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Robert Steuck of Ayres Associates, and County Board Supervisors Fritz Ruf and Tom Schellinger.

**Approve Minutes of February 12, 2009**

MOTION: Pledl moved, second by Jaske, to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried: 5-0.

**Executive Committee Report of February 16, 2009**

Swan stated that in addition to the items covered at the County Board meeting of February 24, the Executive Committee was updated on the following Information Technology projects: Public Safety Systems, Tax System, Countywide Cashiering, PCI Compliance and eDocument Management.

**Future Meeting Date**

- March 12, 2009

Pledl informed Swan he would be unable to attend the meeting on March 12, 2009.

**Review and Approve Bid: Capital Project #200805 - Campus Facilities Plumbing Fixture Conservation Upgrades**

MOTION: Kolb moved, second by Jaske, to approve the bid from Zien Service, Inc., for a lump sum amount of \$38,777.

Miller reviewed the bid tabulation form, which listed bids from eleven contractors. He stated that the low bid was submitted by Zien Service, Inc. Miller stated that this water conservation project would significantly reduce water usage in the toilets and urinals in campus facilities.

Motion carried: 5-0.

**Review and Approve Bid: Capital Project #200806 - Law Enforcement Center HVAC Renovation**

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Kolb, to approve the bid from Illingworth Corporation in the lump sum amount of \$136,060 for the base bid.

Miller reviewed the bid tabulation form, which listed bids from eight contractors. He stated that the low bid was submitted by Illingworth Corporation. Miller explained that this HVAC renovation project includes replacement of the existing HVAC water-cooled units with more efficient air-cooled units.

Motion carried: 5-0.

Keckeisen informed the Committee that Miller has accepted a position with the Elmbrook School District. The Committee offered Miller their congratulations and wishes for success in his new endeavor.

Gundrum arrived at 8:43 a.m.

### **Presentation on I-43 Freeway Improvements in Waukesha County**

Bain distributed the informational packets, which included pamphlets and a CD on roundabouts, as well as maps of the I-43 Project Corridor Construction Schedule and detailed attachments. He stated this presentation would focus on the four major projects for the Rock Freeway corridor in Waukesha County. Steuck and Bain outlined the details of the following I-43 projects:

- STH 83 to STH 164: The existing roadway pavement is distressed and deteriorating and can no longer be economically maintained. The existing bridge decks are also deteriorating and have reached the threshold for maintenance improvements. Steuck explained that rehabilitation of the northbound and southbound lanes would include rubbilization and asphalt overlay of the underlying concrete pavement, and widening and replacing the decks of several structures along the corridor. During construction, two northbound lanes and one southbound lane would be provided, with an alternative route for southbound traffic. Preparation work would be done during the 2010 construction season, and the rehab work, including bridge structures, would be done during the 2012 construction season.

Wolff arrived at 8:58 a.m.

- STH 164 to Moorland Road: The existing roadway pavement is distressed and deteriorating and can no longer be economically maintained. The rehabilitation of the existing pavement would be done by milling and resurfacing. The project includes painting and bearing repair of the I-43 bridges at Guthrie Drive and Crowbar Drive. This project would be performed during the 2011 construction season.
- Martin Road: The bridges carrying I-43 traffic over Martin Road are in need of repair and the vertical clearance does not meet current standards. The project would include widening and re-decking of those bridges. The project would be staged through the use of off-peak lane closures. This project would be performed during the 2010 construction season.
- STH 164 Interchange: This interchange is reaching the point that it cannot efficiently handle the increasing traffic volumes. The bridges over STH 164 are in need of repair and the vertical clearance does not meet current standards. The project would include reconstruction and widening of the I-43 bridges over STH 164, realignment of the interchange ramps, and construction of roundabouts at the ramp terminal intersections. The interchange reconstruction project would be divided into two separate projects. The first project would be the reconstruction of the northbound and southbound I-43 bridges over STH 164 in 2010; lane closures would take place during off-peak hours. Steuck further explained that as the project progresses, some of the work would be performed at nighttime and on weekends. The second project would be the reconstruction of the interchange ramps in 2013, to be done in conjunction with the STH 164 project from Henneberry to the south side of the interchange.

Also discussed was the coordination of the WisDOT I-43 project in the area of the Waukesha County - Racine Avenue/roundabout project, including detours and rerouting of traffic lanes during construction as well as the anticipated impact on drivers and area residents.

Jaske noted the increase in the number of roundabouts being constructed and questioned how they are being funded. Bain stated that roundabout construction is actually less expensive than the traffic signal intersections. He added that these are not new projects – they have been in the plans for some time. Jaske asked how the public can access this information on the road projects. Bain stated he would work on

putting that information on a website so those people who are unable to attend public informational meetings are able to access the information. Bain stated he would also email new information to Olson, who would share it with the Committee. Pledl and Gundrum expressed a special interest in being kept informed on the progress of the Janesville Road project.

Bain concluded with a review of the maps of the I-43 Project Corridor Construction Schedule, encompassing the Rock Freeway from the Rock County Line to the Hale Interchange. He stated that the Committee members should not hesitate to call him for any WisDOT updates. Swan thanked Bain and Steuck for their informative presentation.

### **Department of Public Works - Capital Projects Update**

Evans distributed a handout that outlined the capital projects status of the Department of Public Works projects. He provided updates on the following highway projects:

- CTH Y – I-43 to I: This project went out for bid in January; the construction will begin in mid to late April.
- CTH E/Oconomowoc River: In design - anticipated to go out for bid in October 2009.
- CTH X/59 Harris Highlands: In design - land acquisition is complete.
- CTH Q/175: Project is complete.
- CTH SR Bridge: Scheduled for 2009 construction.
- Springdale/K/Weyer Study: Study is complete.
- CTH VV/March-Bette Drive: This project is in design.
- CTH Y/Kelsey: This project is ready to bid in March with construction in 2009.
- CTH SR/M: The plans are 95% complete, and will go out for bid in May with construction in 2009.
- CTH Y/M: This project is in the design phase and includes a roundabout. Construction planned for 2010.
- CTH L: This project is in the preliminary design phase.
- CTH P – Bark River: This project is in the preliminary design phase.
- CTH P/DR (Pabst Farms area): Project is on hold.
- CTH TT (West bypass): Project is on hold. To answer Swan's question, Evans stated he heard that the Mayor of Waukesha is trying to meet with the Secretary of Transportation to work on the final details regarding this project.
- CTH CW – Ashippin River Bridge: This project is in the preliminary design phase and is anticipated for construction in 2011.
- CTH K, 132<sup>nd</sup> Street – 124<sup>th</sup> Street Rehabilitation: The plans are 90% complete; anticipated to go out for bid in March 2009.

### **Update on Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission**

Ruf stated he was appointed as a member of the Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission to replace former County Board Supervisor Karl Nilson. Nilson now serves as president of the Commission. Ruf

stated that Nilson remains very cognizant regarding Waukesha County interests and does an excellent job in serving the Commission.

Ruf stated that nothing much new has happened in Waukesha County relative to the River Rail. The rail system itself continues to operate successfully. There are some small projects planned for upgrades of the rails and ties. Another project that has been discussed is a \$2 million realignment project in Waukesha County, which would be strictly dependent on federal funding.

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Wolff, to adjourn at 9:50 a.m. Motion carried: 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Wolff  
Secretary